

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 51 and 54-57 are in the application.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 51 and 54-57 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Widerstrom (U.S. Patent No. 4,787,536).

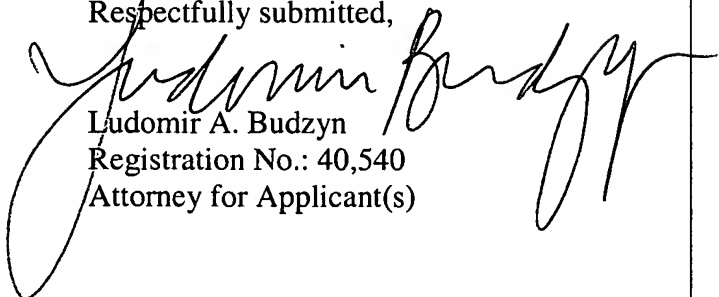
Widerstrom is directed to a dosage package consisting of a relatively flat container 1 having an upper side wall portion 8 and an opposite, lower side wall portion 9. The upper side wall portion 8 includes an inwardly bulged annular portion 8a and an outwardly curved portion 8b. (Column 3, lines 30-34). Likewise, the lower side wall portion 9 includes an annular portion 9a and an outwardly curved portion 9b. (Column 3, lines 35-36). As shown in Figure 3, and explained at Column 3, lines 37-48, the curved portions 8a and 9b are deformable inwardly to administer a dose from the container. There is, however, no disclosure or suggestion to have the curved portions 8b and 9b retain an inwardly deformed shape. In fact, the container is described as being suitable for two or more dosages. (Column 3, lines 50-52; Column 3, lines 60-62). To enable multiple dosages, the curved portions 8b, 9b must return to their original shape to allow for dosage administration.

Claim 51 is directed to a pump for dispensing fluid which includes a pump body; a fluid reservoir formed in the pump body; and, a deflectable diaphragm

mounted in a wall of the pump body. Further, the diaphragm is deflectable from an initial position to a second, deflected position, wherein "said diaphragm decreasing the volume encompassed by said fluid reservoir when in said second position, said diaphragm remaining in said deflected position." As indicated above, there is no disclosure or suggestion in Widerstrom to have either of the curved portions 8b, 9b remain in a deflected state, in contrast to claim 51. Rather, the curved portions 8b, 9b are formed to return to their original state to allow for multiple dosing. Moreover, there is no suggestion or motivation to modify Widerstrom to have the curved portions 8b, 9b retain a deflected state, particularly, since multiple dosing is desired. The curved portions 8b, 9b must return to their respective original states to permit additional dosing. It is respectfully submitted that claims 51 and 54-57 are patentable over Widerstrom.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions or if additional information is required, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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